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# THE BOTTOM OUT

Of the Chilean Matter in Washington, but Not in Chile.

CHILE'S REPLY TO THIS COUNTRY'S

Ultimatum a Frank, Manly Apology for the Outrages.

FRIENDLY FEELING EXPRESSED

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THEY ARE NOW YERY INDIGNANT

At President Harrison's Message Minister Egan's Dispatch Will Bo Sent to Congress To-Day, But the Tenor of It is Given in Advance to the Associated Press--Senor Perira's Assurances of Friendship for the American Flag .- The Apology Complete, and Though Humiliating, Will Wipe Out Every Cause for War-Insulting Comments of the London Papers on President Harrison's Message-Bitter Attacks on Our Administration.

Social Dispatch to the Associated Press.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, VIA GALVESTON, Jan. 27.-The text of Chile's reply to President Harrison's ultimatum has not yet been made public. It is awaited on all sides with intense interest. The substance of it has already been indicated in the Associated Press dispatches from here, and this, so far as can be learned, meets with general approval on the part of the intelligent classes.

The news that President Harrison had sent a special message to Congress on Monday relating to the points at issue between the United States and Chile, and the dispatches published here yesterday and to-day describing the attitude of the American public toward the matter, have caused no little popular excitement here.

The younger and hotter headed portion of the public continues to indulge in much war talk. Rather than have their government acknowledge its fault or apologize for its utterances, these young patriots declare they would pre-fer to see a resort to arms. Such talk as this, it is believed, reflects the opinion of a large element of the common peo

The naval officers are reported to be much stirred up at the thought that they may be called upon to salute the stars and stripes. They go so far as to say, according to the reports published in to-day's papers, that they would see the Chilean fleet sunk before they salute the American flee.

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Whatever the government may say officially in withdrawing the offensive note of Senor Matta of December 11, there are abundant indications that Senor Mattas popularity will not in any way be decreased because of his authorship of that now famous despatch.

THE FEELING IN WASHINGTON. One of Satisfaction Over Chile's Reply.

The War Feeling Has Subsided. Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—"The Chilean trouble is at an end," said Mr. Blount, the chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, shortly before three o'clock this niternoon to an Associated Press correspondent. "The bottom has dropped out of the whole thing. Mr. Blaine is elated over the termination of the trouble in so satisfactory manner."

The manner of Mr. Blount showed the pleasure he felt at the news communicated to him by Secretary Blaine with authority to him (Mr. Blount) to repeat it to such persons as he saw fit to make it known. A few minutes be-fore Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, anoth-er member of the committee, when seen, said: "Why, haven't you heard the news? Everything is much brighter now."

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Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, a Republican member of the committee, said: "The situation locks a great deal better and the discretely received nuts the trouble the dispatch received puts the trouble

in a very satisfactory shape."

Other members of the house who were seen showed the feeling of relief they felt at the outcome of the trouble. senate also the members of the in the senate also the members of the ioreign relations committee gave visible evidence of satisfaction. The committee had placed the pad-leck of absolute secree; on all its proceedings and without that being removed they did not feel at liberty to talk lest they should disclose what had taken place in committee or give a clue to what would take place, but it was evident that they were glad that from them had been taken. that from them had bee were gast that from them had been taken the grave responsibility of declaring war, and that a peaceful solution of the controversy had been reached consistent with the dignity and self-respect of the United States.

A SERIES OF SURPRISES. The news of the change first became known to nearly, if not quite, all the senators on the foreign relations committee through the publication in the dernoon paper, the injunction of se-recy operating to keep the intelligence om them also. There had been all any a feeling that the crisis was passed and for this reason there had been no all, aways, sansters on the spinot. talk among senators on the subject. The delopments in the Chilean contro-And delopments in the Chilean controversy since the President's ultimatum have been a series of suprises, of which that of to-day was not the least. It has been change on change, and so switt they followed that history may be said to have been made every twenty-four hours. When the first news of the decision of the Chilean government to placetically concede all that the United placetics. decision of the Chilean government to practically concede all that the United states asked was received in the Associated Press cable message from Santiago, it indicated such a complete change on the part of the Chileans that while there was a hope, if true, many persons were hardly able to credit it. The later dispatch has not only confirmed this

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cable message, but each new develop-ment has added to it some feature making stronger the statements originally made. Mr. Egan's dispatch was received yesterday, and, in addition to what was already known, indicated that Chilo was willing to apologize for the Matta note which has been one of the worst features. features of the controversy.

NOT ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY.

What Mr. Egan said, however, was What Mr. Egan said, however, was not in all respects satisfactory, especially with reference to an apology preceding any arbitration of the Baltimore incident. Although in advance of its transmissiong to Congress official information is unobtainable with reference to the date of the receipt of the cable message which shows that the Chilean government has gone further than anything yet made public indicates, it is believed that Minister Egan's message was one transmitting the message was one transmitting the Chilean's government's reply and giving the substance of the concessions made. For this reason Mr. Egan may not have been full enough in his state-

ments to thoroughly make clear the full force of Mr. Perira's answer.

The dispatch containing the reply of Senor Perira, the Chilean minister of foreign affairs, is very long and its translation was not completed until totranslation was not completed until today. It is said to be a frank and splendidly written document, breathing
throughout a spirit of friendship and
good will to the United States. It is
said to be clear and unequivocal. Nothing is left of the Matta note, which is not
only withdrawn, but apologized for.
The most sincere regret is expressed for
the Baltimore incident, and the offer to
refer it to the supreme court is said to
be more than a proposition for a sottlement that is made as an illustration of
the friendly feelings of the Chileaus
oward the United States, besides showing their willingness to leave the matter to our courts for settlement. The
expressions of cordiality toward this
country are profuse. country are profuse.

A MANLY DOCUMENT.

It is said that the whole tone of the document is apparently so sincere, friendly and manly, and leaves the matter in such shape that it is hardly possible to fail to bring the two countries closer together and result in an amicable adjustment of the whole diffiamicable adjustment of the whole diffi-culty. The dispatch is especially clear and vigorous in repelling the charge of hostility on the part of the Chileans to the American flag and the American uniform. In effect it says: "Chile hate the American uniform? No! Too well does she remember that flag and that uniform in her ports and harbors aid-ing her in her strengte for independ."

uniform in her ports and harbors aiding her in her struggle for independence" (referring to Chile's struggle years ago to achieve independence).

The prospect of war, it is thought, is now over, and that while considerable remains to be done before the controversy in its entirety will be closed and become simply a matter of history, yet the affair is in such a shape as to bring the two nations closer together and make further proceedings a matter of history. make further proceedings a matter of comparatively easy adjustment.

BLAINE SATISFIED.

In referring to the despatch from Senor Perira, Chairman Blount said later: "Mr. Blaine regarded the queslater: "Mr. Biaine regarded the question as settled. He seemed very much elated over the dispatch and to regard as an assurance of the end of the controversy. While the apology may not be put in diplomatic language the dispatch is just as full and complete in its regrets of the whole affair as could be." Turning to Mr. Springer, Mr. Blount said: "I tell you the bottom is out of it, that is all. The administration would not have a straw to stand on if it con-

not have a straw to stand on if it con not have a straw to stand on if it continued to make demands with that dispatch in its face. But I have no idea that they are going to force it any further. No one can read that entire correspondence, gentlemen, without feeling the utmost sympathy at the almost humiliating attitude of the Chilean government."

"Will your committee on forcign ai-

"Will your committee on foreign af-fairs , meet to-morrow?" Chairman Blount was asked. "Yes, but we will have nothing to do

"yes, but we will have nothing to do, now, of course. Mr. Blaine informed me that the President would send Chile's answer in to-day or to-morrow, so I suppose it will come in to-morrow."

Private Secretary Halford said to night that the additional correspondence between the United States and Chile would be sent to Congress to-morrow. It will be comparatively brief and will not aggregate more than about 2.000 words.

# THE CHILEAN MATTER

Refere the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate-Waiting on the President.

Washington, Jan. 27 .- The sonate foreign relations committee held another meeting this morning on the Chilean controversy and spent about an hour in discussion of the subject. It has been decided to conduct the proceedings of the committee in secret and for this reason it is difficult to ascertain for this reason it is difficult to ascertain what took place. It is learned, however, that the committee has not yet received a copy of the response made by the Chilean government to the so-called ultimatum sent by the President, and until the members of the committee are fully apprised of the exact nature of that response no action will be ture of that response no action will be taken. The committee does not wish in any way to interfere with the present consideration of the controversy by the President, and is now—waiting on him for light to guide its actions.

It is evident from talks with senators

that they think the difficulty has passed the acute stage, for the present, at least, if not permanently, and that there is no necessity for doing anything in dvance of executive consideration Chile's reply. From what can be learned Chile's reply. From what can obtearned there is no disposition in Congress to press Chile in the matter and the hope is expressed that the official note will disclose concessions in Chile's note sim-ilar to those described by the Associa-

### ' INSULTING COMMENTS. President Harrison, Secretary Blaine and

Minister Egan Bitterly Assailed by Lon don Editors. LONDON, Jan. 27 .- The Chronicle to-

day comments as follows on the Chilean trouble: "If Chile's offer of satisfaction was

sent under the circumstances as report ed, President Harrison has been guilty of an act of most disreputable 'spread-cagleism.' He must have known before he published his hectoring message that Chile had done all and more than was required; therefore his message was mere 'blague,' We confess we has itate in coming to a conclusion so utter-ly disgraceful, not only to Mr. Harri-

son, but to the great nation that has made him trustee of their honor and interests. We cannot believe him capable of such a mean dodge, although we are not unmindful of the dirty trick his wirepullers played on Lord Sackville West, Mr. Hatch's appeal to 'Rally Around Harrison,' reads like a bit of Mark Twain. The American covernment needs no de-Hatch's appeal to 'Rally Around Harrison,' reads like a bit of Mark Twain. The American government needs no defense against anybody unless it be Blaine and Egan. It is quite a delusion to suppose that Kngland cares whether or not America builds a formidable navyor incurs burdens for the purpose of vindicating its Fenian agent in Chile. Mr. Egan is not likely to be sent as minister to England while our police want to consult him about the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish. America had better settlethe building of her navy as we do, with a view to the interests of the people, and not to the interests of what Artenus Ward calls the 'show bizness' of the outgoing president and disness of the outgoing president and dis-credited envoy. President Harrison's message asserts the novel doctrine of diplomacy that a band of swaggering sailors are entitled to the same redress as is an ambassador who has been at tasks in inhoseasor who has been at-tacked. Americals a great country, and there is no doubt but that even this globe of ours would scarcely have room for it it was seriously prepared to push the civic Romanus sum doctrine thus far."

The Post says: "The Santiago minis The Post says: The Santiago ministry have dealt with the United States in a spirit of true philosophy. Failing to satisfy the President of the United States, they have decided that it is best to conciliate the candidate for the Presidency, and have thus showed an excellent sense of the true proportions of the quarrel." The Post comments upon the inability of the United States to fight Chile except by a prolonged struggle upheld by superior wealth. It condemns Mr. Egan and says: "It is incredible that Congress will support Mr. Harrison, whose message is most interesting as marking an epoch in the bistory of democracy in its natural home. A surmise without evidence, and a suspicion which refuses to be allayed, form a bad foundation for a declaration of war. If Mr. Harrison is serious he is scarcely mindful of the extreme responsibility imposed by power. If he is merely thinking of the elections he try have dealt with the United States sponsibility imposed by power. If he is merely thinking of the elections, he cannot be said to consult the dignity or

interests of the country by thus playing with fire."

The Times says: "The Chileans have proved their courage on the battefield, but are conscious that Chile is no match for the United States. It is only nat ural, therefore, that they are disposed toward conciliation. It is likely enough that Secretary Blaine knew this beforethat Secretary Blaine knew this beforehand, since nothing so promotes decided language on the part of a politician of Mr. Blaine's astuteness as knowledge, and is not going to throw it away. We may expect Chile to withdraw the Matta note and make the amends required. In the meantine it does not appear that President Harrison's message is universally approved at Washington. Things have now calmed down, the avowed and secret objects of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine jects of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine will be gained, and we will hear little more of the matter. What will happen to Minister Egan does not appear as

The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent says that neither the press nor the official world there devote much attention to America's ultimatum to Chile, which is regarded as an election trick.

An English Version of It.

London, Jan. 27.—The correspondent of the Times at Santingo de Chile to-day telegraphs that the text of Chile's reply to the ultimatum of the United States has not been disclosed and will not be

has not been disclosed and will not be made public until Saturday.

The correspondent further says that Chile, relying upon the advices received from Montt as late as Friday, saying that pacific assurances were given him constantly by Mr. Blaine, the American secretary of state, considered that a settlement had been practically arranged, especially as Chile, through President Montt, had given counter assurances of a friendly feeling and of a desire to satisfy all reasonable demands. President Montt's position, the correspondent adds, is now seriously compromised. Fortunately for the tranquility of Chile, the entire nation places confidence in the patriotism and prudence of President Montt. Everything in Chile remains quiet so far. in Chile remains quiet so far.

An Absurd Rumor,

New York, Jan. 27 .- A sensational New York, Jan. 21.—2.
rumor was current on the stock exchange this afternoon that Egan had been killed, but it could not be traced been killed, but it could not be traced been killed. When the to any respectable source. When the statedepartment officials at Washington by the Associated Press they laughed and pronounced the rumor "absurd."

They Are Still There.

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 27.-The squadron of American war ships, which has been lying off this port for some time is still here.

# McDONALD OIL FIELD.

Production Again Increased-What the Wells Are Doing.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Jan. 27.—The new ell, together with those which have been increased by shooting, caused an other advance in the production of the McDonald field yesterday. The output to-day was 33,500 barrels. The stock in the field is 67,000 barrels. The Herron No. 4, of Guffney, Jennings & Co., has turned out a good well. The Gamble No. 6, of the Woodland Oil Company, is reported to, be making 40 barrels an hour. The No. 3, of the Oakdale Oil Co., on the Wetmore farm was drilled deeper yesterday and its production decreased from 12 to 10 barrels an hour. The Venture Oil Company has put the tubing in the Woods No. 1, and commenced to pump it. They have milled a pin on the tools in the Moorchead No. 2, but have not yet recovered them, and and drilling the bailer out of Moorehead

to. 3.
The Wheeling Natural Gas Compan The Wheeling Natural Gas Company finished a big gas well on the McClay farm, near Washington, last week and has another about due. It's No. 38 on the McClay farm was due in the Gordon sand last night. It will be drilled to the fifth sand. The company has completed thirty-seven wells in this field and has two more which are soon due in the fifth formation.

# The Czarina's Grief.

Sr. Petersnung, Jan. 27.—The death of the Grand Duke Constantine, uncle of the Czar, was a heavy shock to the czarina, who is just recovering from an attack of influenza. She was so affected by the announcement of the grand duke's death that she was again obliged to keep to her apartments.

# THE AMERICAN WINS

The International, Featherweight Pugilistic Championship.

M'CARTHY WHIPS CALLAGHAN

In Fourteen Rounds, Completely Knocking Out the Englishman. The Latter Fought the Whole Mill With One Hand and Showed Pluck All the Way Through-A Game Fight.

New ORLEANS, Jan. 27 .- The international feather-weight contest to-night at the Olympia Club, between Tommy Callaghan, of England, and Cal Me Carthy, of New Jersey, was witnessed by about 3,000 people. -The men fought for a purse of \$2,000, of which \$1,500 went to the winner and \$500 to the

Callaghan was seconded by Jimmy Carroll and Prof. James Robinson, while Mr. Frank, of Bay St. Louis, held the bottle.

Time was called at 9:15 and the battle began.

First round-The men met in the center of the ring, McCarthy cool and graceful, Callaghan awkward. Nothing much was done in this round, and the

much was done in this round, and the men went to their corners.

Second round—McCarthy was hit and knocked down with a heavy left. McCarthy was knocked down again and received a heavy left on the nose.

Third round—Both exchanged lefts and McCarthy ran away. Heavy exchanges in the corner with honors even.

From the fourth round until the close.

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From the fourth round until the close the contest was marked by heavy hitting, Mac getting the best of it, although Callaghan displayed good science.

In the tenth round Mac won first blood: In the fourteenth (the last round) Mac missed right and left and with a left hand upper cut in the stomach won the fight, completely knocking Callaghan out. Callaghan fought the whole fight with one hand and only a few times attempted to use the right which was badly broken six weeks ago on young Dwyer's head. Callaghan's friends advised him to ask for a post-ponement of two weeks, but the game "greenhorn" would not do so, depend-ing on his left to win the battle.

The winner will now be matched with George Dixon, for the world's champion-ship of bantam weights.

### PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

the Debate on the New Rules of the House-A Lively Time-Dull Day in the

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20 .- The attendance in the house was meagre this morning. On motion of Mr. Hall, of of Minnesota, was passed a bill amending the act for the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at South St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Martin, of Indiana, introduced : resolution calling on the President to transmit to the house all the correspondence had by him, the secretary of state, by the secretary of war, by the secretary of the navy, by the United States minister to Chile, and by all other public officials of the United States concerning the republic of Chile, during the Balmaceda regime and since the overthrow of that regime, as to all matters of public affairs of both the United States and Chile growing out of the existence, beginning and overthrow of the Balmacedan regime, and the establishment and continuance of the present government of Chile. It was present government of Chile. It was referred to the committee on foreign

A number of bills of little public importance were introduced and referred.

Mr. Reed, of Maine, suggested it would be preferable to have the measures referred as they were in the Fifty-first Congress, through the medium of the congress, through the medium of the speaker; but Mr. McMillin, of Tennes-see, objected, and the regular order hay-ing been demanded, the house pro-ceeded to the further consideration of

the proposed rules.

Mr. Dearmond, of Missouri, spoke in favor of the committee report and criti-cised the rulings of Speaker Reed in the last congress.

Mr. Hooker, of Mississippi, though in

general advocating the proposed code expressed himself as in faver of ap-pointing a "steering committee of fit-teen members who should decide what measure should be brought to the attention of the house. This was too large a power to vest in the committee

on rules.

Mr. Otis, of Kansas, congratulated Mr. Ohs, of Mansas, congrammed the country that for the first time a representative of the third party was permitted to occupy the floor of the house of representatives. He proceeded to criticise the rules as conferring a conf dangerous power upon the speaker and upon the committee on rules

Mr. Watson, of Georgia, then took the floor and laid down the principles of the floor and laid down the farmers' Alliance party. In the course of his remarks Mr. Watson referred to the "czarism of Mr. Roed in the last Congress." This allusion gave the last Congress." This allusion gaverise to much merriment, growing principally from the fact that Mr. Watson was standing in the action was standing in the aisie directly in front of the ex-speaker. The latter looked up with a benevolent smile and with a serio-comic air romonstrated with the speaker for the sentence.

The debate upon the rules was con-tinued by Messrs. Dingley (Maine), McCreary (Kentucky), Davis (Ken-tucky), Bynum (Indiana), and Simpson

Kansas).
The latter gentleman had a very brief race of time allotted to him, but dur ing that short interval he greatly enter his reference to a remark previously made by Mr. Funston, of Kansas, relative to the price of corn in Kansas. After further debate by Mr. Funston, of Kansas, and Mr. Lodge, of Kansas, the house adjourned.

#### In the Senate. Washington, D. C., Jan. 27 .- The

apper branch of the national legislature had little attraction for visitors to-day, at least none that could compete with that of the other side of the capitol, where a political discussion was looked for in connection with the proposed now rules. There were, therefore, very few this writing.

spectators in the gallery and not many

spectators in the gallery and not many spectators in the chamber when the chaplain offered prayer.

Among the bills reported and placed on the calendar were the following: Appropriating \$550,000 for the establishment of a dry dock on the government reservation at or near Algiers, La.; incorporating the Society of American Florists. La.; incorporation American Florists.

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Mr. Morgan asked immediate consideration of a resolution calling for the state department correspondence with China regarding Mr. Blair. It was important, he said, to learn what the United States intended to do when notified that a gentleman of such high reputation had been rejected by the government to which he was accredited. This became additionally important from its beginn additionally important from its hearing on another case where the United States and another government had become much embroiled.

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Mr. Henr thought the resolution should be addressed to the President, who should be left to judge whether the correspondence be properly sent in. The resolution should go to the forgin committee.

The resolution should go to the foreign committee.

Mr. Sherman, chairman of the foreign
committee, deprecated immediate action
when it was not clear that the correspondence was closed.

Mr. Morgan modified his resolution so
that instead of directing the secretary of
state to furnish the correspondence it
left it to the discretion of the President.

At the same time he strongly insisted At the same time he strongly insisted that no foreign government should be allowed to violate the rights and privi-leges of representation and debate in the senate by declining to receive a minister because of his utterances in the senate. He (Mr. Morgan) would sever diplomatic relations with such a government, and he hoped the Presi-dent had this matter under his consid-

eration.

Mr. Morgan's resolution, as modified,

Mr. Hoar, from the committee on elections, called up the resolution declaring Horace Chilton entitled to the seat in the senate made vacant by the resignation of James Reagan. He explained that the sexumittee had sen plained that the committee had con cluded that the governor's appointment of Mr. Chilton was legal. After some debate the resolution was adopted, and Mr. Chilton was confirmed

in his seat.

#### THE FARMERS WON.

A Tilt Over the Reference of the Oleomar-garine Bill-Mr. Hatch's Statement. Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—The far-

mers and the lawyers met face to face in the house of representatives to-day and the result of the legislative skirmish was a decisive victory for the agriculturalists. For several sessions there has been decided jealousy between the committee on judiciary and the committee on agriculture in the

the committee on agriculture in the matter of oleomargarine legislation.

To-day this contest for prerogative was revived by the introduction of a bill by Mr. Hatch; of Missouri, to amend the present eleomargarine bill. This bill provides that all oleomargarine transported into any state or territory, or remaining therein for use, consumption, sale or storage, shall upon arrival in such state or territory be subject to tion, sale or storage, shall upon arrival in such state or territory be subject to the laws thereof, enacted in the oxercise of its public powers in the same manner as though such obcomargarine had been produced in such state or territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced in original packages or otherwise.

"I ask that the bill be referred to the committee on agriculture." said Mr.

committee on agriculture," said Mr. Hatch, who is himself, the chairman of that committee.

"Under the rules the bill should go to the committee on judiciary," said Speaker Crisp. Mr. Culbertson, the chairman of the

judiciary committee, asked for the read-ing of the entire bill, and then objected to its reference to the committee on

agriculture.

Mr. Hatch now formally moved that the bill bill be reterred to his committee, and the yeas and nays were finally demanded. During the roll call much demanded. During the foll-call much activity was displayed by the members of the two committees over the question of reference, but the members from agricultural districts generally rallied around Mr. Hatch, and the bill was inally referred to the agricultural com-mittee by a vote of 128 yeas to 108 nays. "I introduced that bill," said Mr. Hatch to the Associated Press, "in re-sponse to a demand of the dairy intersponse of it cannot of the country, and the purpose of it is to place oleomar-garine in original packages in the same legal condition in the states that what is known as the 'Wilson original pack-age bill' place the sale and distribution of liquors. In other words, it is to give the great dairy states which have passed laws upon the subject of the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine that police control over the subject mat-ter that the states had prior to the de-cision of the United States supreme court in the original package question."

# SILVER HEARING.

The First by This Congress-Director Leoch Examined.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.-The first hearing of this Congress on the silver question took place this morning before the house committee on coinage, weights and measures. Mr. Leech, the director of the mint, being examined.

Mr. Leech was of the opinion that the supply and demand for silver along regulated its price. He favored an international agreement as the best mode of solution of the question.

# For Public Buildings.

Washington, Jun. 27.—Senator Quay to-day introduced bills appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Me Keesport and \$50,000 for a public build-ing at Washington, Pa.

#### Big Fire at Cincinnut. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 27 .- At a quar-

er before 10 o'clock to-night the central fire tower struck off a ten-blow alarm, calling the maximum force of the department to 139 and 141 West the department to 139 and 141 West Fourth street, where a fire was razing. It was in the six-story building occupied by the West & Tice company, im-

pied by the West & Tice company, importers and dealers in queenswares.

The fire department could not save the building but they confined the fire to it, and prevented a conflagration. The building will be a total less, except possibly the walls. It belonged to II. W. West and is valued at \$10,000. The building was freshly stocked. Its value is estimated at from \$125,000 to \$150,000. The insurance cannot be learned at The insurance cannot be learned at The insurance cannot be learned at

# UNIQUE CONVENTION

Composed of a Variety of Reformers Assembles in Olricago

### TO PROPOSE VIGOROUS MEASURES

For the Suppression of the Rum Traffic-Representatives of Many Organizations Present-A Resolution Adopted Embodying the Purpose of the Meeting-The Words "Annihilate," "Abate" and "Suppress" Figure in the Debate, and the Latter Comes Out Winner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 .- It is safe to say hat such a gathering as that which assembled here this morning has seldom, if ever, been seen before.

It was a national conference of representatives of the various political reform movements now existent in this country, including Prohibitionists, farmers, laborers, Greenbackers, general reformers, etc. Miss Frances E. Willard presided, and stated the object of the conference to be to devise ways and means of electing a President of the United States who will with one blow kill the rum traffic.

kill the rum traffic,
Among those present at the meeting were Lady Somerset, George A. Washburn, of Boston, secretary of People's party; Gilbert Delamater, of Akron, O., who led some af his countrymen a wild chase after greenbacks; Mrs. Anna M. Diggs, of Kansas; Gen. Weaver, of Iowa; A.-Wardell and H. L. Loueks, of Huron, S. D., and Prof. Samuel Dickey, of Albion College, Albion, Michigan.
Ignatius Donnelly was down for an opening speech, but failed to appear. The central idea is to unite all of these elements on one candidate for the Preselements on one candidate for the Prese

dements on one candidate for the Presidency in the belief that they outnum-ber either of the regular parties. The meeting was held with closed doors. G. F. Washburn, national secretary

of the People's party, and the other members of his organization present, labored in the general meeting and af-terwards in committee for the adoption

of the following:

"We believe the principal solution of
the liquor problem lies in abolishing
the element of profit, which is a source
of constant temptation, evil and corrup-We therefore demand that the tion. We therefore demand that the exclusive importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be conducted by the government or state at cost, under conditions and restrictions which may be adopted by the various states. In adopting this as a national plank, we give no offense to either the personal liberty man or to the prohibitionist. We werely declare for the tionist. We increly declare for the principle, and leave the restrictions for adoption to the various states, accord-ing to the temperance sentiment in each

The fight for "nationalizing the liquor The fight for "nationalizing the liquor traflic" was largely ineffectual, however, for it found no place in the address brought in by the committee, to be presented to the coming convention of the people's party in St. Louis. Ignatius Donnelly, in reporting the result of the committee's labor, noted the omission, and expressed the opinion that the address in its present form that the address in its present form would not be accepted by the People's

would not be accepted by the People's party.

He referred to the number of foreigners in the party and said the prohibition clause should be modified so as to save to them the idea of individual right in the beer drinking held by them so tenaciously. In the committee room, he said, he had, though himself a beliayar in temperate advected these ne said, he had, though himself a be-liever in temperance, advocated the sub-stitution of the phrase l'abatement of the liquor trriffic" as being more accept-able to the People's party, but he had been overruled by the rest of the com-

mittee.
Mr. Taubeneck, of Illinois, moved to accept Donnelly's suggestion of substi-tuting word "abatement" for "annihila-tion," but E. J. Wheeler suggested that "suppression" would be a better word, and in that form the address was

# GERMANY'S FESTAL DAY.

Celebration of the Thirty-third Anniver-sary of the Emperor's Birthday.

Beaun, Jan. 27 .- Fo-day was the thirty-third anniversary of the birth of the Emperor William, and the empire, consequently, was more or less en fetc.

The imperial family, at the breakfast hour, waited in a body upon the emperor and presented him with numerous floral offerings and many gifts. The emperor seemed to be much pleased, and said a few gracious words to all

present, 10:30 o'clock the imperial family attended religious services in the Chapel Royal. A largely attended reception in the White Hall followed, all the leading members of the diplomatic corps being present. In the meantime a de-tachment of artillery in the Lustgarten

fired an imperial salute af 101 guns. At 12:30 o'clock there was a grand military receiption, all the most pro-minent officers of the army and navy being in attendance. The Emporer also received the members of the Government, and was presented with congra-tulatory addresses from the Mayors and and municipalities of many of the cities of the Empire. The Emporer, through-out these ceremonies, was beaming with good humor and was warmly greeted by the important personages who at-tended the receptions.

# The Trouble at Blibao.

MADRID, Jan. 27.—The labor troubles at Biibao are among the men employed in the copper mines in that vicinity. The men went on strike against a reduction in wages. They finally became riotous, and yesterday they stoned the foot guards, who had been ordered to compel the rioters to disperse. The foot gaards were compelled to fire on the mob. The strikers have become so daring that they have cut telegraph wires and destroyed the railway lines around the mines.

Weather Forecast for To-day. Washington, D. C., Jan. 27,-For West Virginia, fair and warmer till Friday night, winds

becoming south.

For Western Pennylvania and Ohio, fair, warmer till Friday, south winds. TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY,
as furnished by C. Schinger, druggist, corner
Market and Fourteenth streets.
7a. m. 11.12.

7a. m. 14 | 3 p. m. ... 9a. m. 13½ | 3 p. m. ... 12m. 21 | Weather—Fair.